

## Davis-Cook, Shana

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**From:** kc.buffon [kc.buffon@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 6:28 PM  
**To:** Davis-Cook, Shana  
**Subject:** Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers Nomination

August 24, 2010

Shana Davis-Cook, Manager  
Chevy Chase Village

Dear Shana:

We would like to nominate Betsy Stephens for the open position on the Village Board. We think that Betsy is the obvious and most equitable choice. She has served on the Board for years and brings a wealth of experience and commitment to the job. She very nearly won a spot on the Board in the recent election. Had she urged her supporters to "bullet vote," as supporters of other candidates did, she might well have been one of the winners. She did not, and even at that she lost by a very slim margin. This is not a situation where the Board has no choice but to reach out to someone new to fill a vacancy. Betsy demonstrated only a few months ago her substantial support among Village residents. Since another election cannot be held to fill the vacant position, it only makes sense and best reflects the will of the voters to look to the results of the recent election and select Betsy Stephens, the closest runner-up, to serve on the Board.

Sincerely,

Charles and Kathleen Buffon  
8 Oxford Street

To: Shana Davis-Cook  
From: Jane Casey Hughes  
Date: September 16, 2010  
Subject: My Nomination of Betsy Stephens to the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers

I am a recent resident of the Village, having moved here fifteen years ago when I married long-time resident Thomas Hughes. I have appreciated the good work of the board from the very first Board meeting I attended in 1996 when I raised my hand to ask a question and Board Chairman Margot West Anderson, whom I hadn't seen since second grade, shielded her eyes, managed to recognize me and exclaimed: "This Is Your Life!"

A few years after that I met Betsy Stephens whom over the years I have come to admire for her dedication and energy and responsiveness to the needs of the Village. She is very easy to contact with a problem and very diligent about solving it.

She is calm and buoyant and kind and treats others with respect.

She would treat her appointment to the Board as a full time job.

I and the others (150 or more) who voted for her were dismayed that she was not re-elected, but we hope the current Board members will not fail to appoint such an able, knowledgeable and kind person.

I hereby nominate Betsy Stephens to the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers.

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*Jane Hughes* 09-16-10

Jane Hughes

5636 Western Avenue voted for her

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To: The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers  
From: Betsy Stephens  
11 Magnolia Parkway  
Date: September 19, 2010

I wish to rejoin the Board. I have represented a significant constituency of Village residents who have always contacted me when they had questions, problems, ideas, or anything that needed to be dealt with. I actively sought out the views of my constituents on the issues, particularly those that were controversial.

I was deeply involved in virtually every Board action, representing the interests of Village residents, e.g.:

- participated in consultations on the Friendship heights redevelopment, acquisition of the Wohlfarth property, and the Brookeville Rd sidewalk
- supported new building restrictions on new houses to pre-empt "mansionization" while opposing recommendations to introduce building restrictions for renovations that would have put an estimated 58% of existing residences out of compliance with at least one new restriction and increased red tape and the cost of building permits
- chaired a noise abatement committee that resulted in stricter enforcement of county regulations and extension of "quiet hours"
- member of the Local Advisory Panel supporting Village residents applying to the Historic Preservation Commission
- Board liaison to the ad hoc parking committee -- voted with a majority opposing exclusive parking rights for residents
- member of the Play Space Committee supporting a significant constituency for developing outdoor play space for Village toddlers\* -- proposed considering options to the sites and sketches that had been previously discussed and opposed by many residents

I note that in the recent election, I received 164 votes -- 8 and 10 votes behind the second and third winning candidates. Had a fourth vacancy opened up prior to the election, I would have been elected to the Board. I received 70 votes more than the next candidate out of the 7 who ran.

The election was open and fair and all of the candidates were “vetted” by the electorate. There was a well-attended candidate forum – a first for Chevy Chase Village – and information about each of the candidates was available on line and distributed to all residents. Not to respect the election would be to discount the democratic process.

Should I rejoin the Board, I would work collaboratively with all the members, counting on the new Board members to bring some fresh ideas to the table – particularly regarding transparency and informing the community more effectively.

I believe that a Board made up of members with differing views, who represent conflicting views of residents, can work together in the best interest of the Village community. My past experience on the Board certainly bears this out.

*\*Response to the resident survey of 2009 regarding “a proposal for a small playground in one of the Village parks”:*

*45% “support the installation of a playground”*

*19% “do not support the installation of a playground”*

*36% “opinion would depend on factors such as design, location, and landscaping”*

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Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Board of Managers  
Chevy Chase Village  
5906 Connecticut Ave.  
Chevy Chase, Md. 20815

June 14, 2010

Dear Members of the Board,

I write to encourage the Board to follow, what I believe to be, unbroken precedent, and take it upon itself to elect a resident to fill the unexpected vacancy caused by the resignation of the Chair.

The Village has gone through, what amounts to the residents, a full-throated campaign to fill the three vacancies. Another election would undoubtedly draw fewer voters than the election just held, and hence less reflective of the residents' wishes.

The precedent in this case seems particularly apt when the difference between the elected candidate and the leader of the non-elected was a mere 8 votes, as I recall.

Therefore, I urge the Board to follow precedent and, in so doing, elect Betty Stephen to its membership. It is very unlikely that any candidate in a special election would receive as many votes as she did in the regularly scheduled election. Further, her service to the Board for many years attests to her

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qualifications.

I regret that a prior engagement prevents me from attending tonight's Board Meeting.

Finally, I wish to thank every Board Member for his or her service to the Village.

Respectfully,

Samuel B. Sterrett

P.S.

Life without a secretary is hell!

106 Grafton Street  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
June 14, 2008

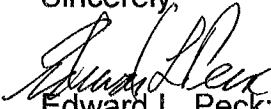
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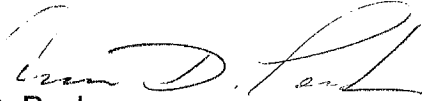
Neighbors,

Unable to attend tonight's meeting due to prior commitments, we most strongly recommend and fully support the appointment of Betsy Stephens to fill the vacancy on the Board that will result from the resignation of Dr. Kamerow.

This action would clearly reflect the preference of the 164 Village residents who voted for her in the recent elections. We did so, and urge that the action recommended above be taken to insure that the expressed selection of Mrs. Stephens from among the other candidates is recognized by those who were elected.

Sincerely,

  
Edward L. Peck; Ann D. Peck





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**From:** minhngoc [minhngoc@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 4:24 PM  
**To:** Davis-Cook, Shana  
**Subject:** In support of Betsy Stephens for Board Appointment

Dear Shana,

We recently learned that Doug Kamerow will be moving from Chevy Chase Village and hence will resign from his post as Chair of the Village Board of Managers. We are, therefore, writing in support of Betsy Stephens as a candidate for the Board appointment to this vacant slot. Ms. Stephens had many years of experience serving on the Board and has been an active member of the Village. She has shown that she understands our needs and has been a reasonable voice on many issues. Furthermore, in the very recent Board election, she had the fourth highest vote among the candidates and would seem to be a natural choice to fill the soon to be vacated seat.

We hope you and the Board will take these points into consideration in your appointment decision.

Sincerely,

Minh Le and Chris Dymond  
3933 Oliver Street

Att: Chevy Chase Board of Managers  
5906 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815  
From: Jane Hughes, Chevy Chase Village resident  
July 4, 2010

When you meet to fill the position of retiring Chair, Douglas Kamerow, please consider appointing/voting for Betsy Stephens, an experienced, fair-minded former Board member who reaches out to the whole community and responds to our requests and needs in the most amiable way.

*Thank you,*

*Jane Hughes*

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A personal note...

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MANAGERS - THIS MAYBE  
A LITTLE EARLY, BUT ITS IMPORTANT.  
" I WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
"BETSY STEPHENS" ON THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS, SHE  
HAS THE SKILL AND ABILITY ~  
AND A GOOD HEART.

TAKE CARE, MY BEST  
GRACE SPRING  
27 HESKETH ST.  
CHEVY CHASE, MD

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September 14<sup>th</sup>

For the Board:

A nomination of Betsy  
Stephens to fill the vacancy  
on the Board - she is, as  
you all know, incredibly  
dedicated, creative, and  
yet practical and hard-  
working!

Marianne MacLeine Kael